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SUBJ: LACOSTE AND ROMBERG CASE

REF: OEA/CD INVESTIGATIVE CASE 11 (77)-42, STATE 289923

1. EDO CALLED ON PROFESSOR GROTEN AT TECHNISCHE HOCHSCHULE (TH),
DARMSTADT, JAN 4 AND DISCUSSED MATTER OF EARTH-TIDE
GRAVITY METER NO 16 AS PER REFTEL.

2. GROTEN INDICATED THAT THE LACOSTE AND ROMBERG
EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY HIM FOR TH DARMSTADT IN 1972
WAS STILL THE PROPERTY OF THE SCHOOL BUT PRESENTLY WAS
ON NINE MONTH LOAN TO THE INSTITUTE OF GEOPHYSICS OF
THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF ZURICH, POSTBOX 226, CH 8049.
UNDER A RESEARCH COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE SWISS
INSTITUTION, THE METER AND RELATED EQUIPMENT WOULD BE
USED IN ZURICH THROUGH APRIL, 1978 AND THEN BE RETURNED
TO DARMSTADT.

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3. GROTEN LOOKED FOR BUT COULD NOT FIND A LETTER HE
MAINTAINS HE WROTE TO MR. LACOSTE OF LACOSTE AND
ROMBERG IN THE LATE SUMMER CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY
OF THE PURCHASE OF ANOTHER METER FOR TH DARMSTADT AND
INDICATING IN THIS LETTER THE IMPENDING LOAN OF THE
SUBJECT METER TO TH ZURICH. IN ORDER TO CONFIRM

ACTUAL LOCATION OF THE LACOSTE AND ROMBERG UNIT IN ZURICH, PROFESSOR GROTEN SUGGESTED THAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN SWITZERLAND MIGHT WISH TO VISIT TH ZURICH.

4. IN HIS CONCLUDING COMMENTS, PROFESSOR GROTEN SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT A LACOSTE AND ROMBERG METER NO 16 WAS IN THE SOVEIT UNION, AND THAT IT HAD PROBABLY REACHED THE USSR THROUGH FRANCE. HE WOULD NOT ELABORATE EXCEPT TO SUGGEST THAT MR. LACOSTE, WHO, GROTEN CLAIMED, HAD OFTEN EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE DIVERSIONS OF HIS EQUIPMENT TO EATERN EUROPE, MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON THIS THROUGH REVIEW OF HIS RECORDS OF SALES TO EUROPEAN BUYERS. BLAKE

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